

Claims:

We claim:

1. A system for showing clips of content and annotations comprising:
an input for receiving said content and said annotations;
a processor creating a renderable image having said clips, wherein at least one of said clips is a combination of two or more annotations; and,
an output for outputting said renderable image.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one of said clips includes additional content.
3. The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one of said clips is a combination of two or more bounding boxes, said bounding boxes surrounding said annotations.
4. The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one of said clips is a combination of two or more regions surrounding said annotations.
5. The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a storage storing said annotation and an image of said content.
6. The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a storage storing said annotation and a link to said content.
7. The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a storage storing said annotation and active content.
8. A method of displaying clips comprising the steps of:
receiving at least two sets of an annotation and related content;
combining said at least two sets;
displaying a combination of said at least two sets.
9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of:
filtering said combination of said at least two sets.
10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of:

storing said combination of said at least two sets.

11. A method of displaying clips comprising the steps of:
receiving at least two sets of an annotation and related content;
filtering said at least two sets;
combining the output of said filtering step;
displaying a combination of said filtering step.

12. The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:
storing said combination of said at least two sets.

13. A method of storing and accessing clips comprising the steps of:
receiving data regarding a first annotation and data regarding a second annotation;
storing at least one of context information with said first and second annotation data or a link to context information with said first and second annotation data in a storage;
storing associations regarding one or more applications from which said first annotation and second annotation originate,
wherein selection of one of said annotations accesses said one or more applications to display said annotations.

14. A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for displaying clips and comprising the steps of:
receiving at least two sets of an annotation and related content;
combining said at least two sets;
displaying a combination of said at least two sets.

15. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:
filtering said combination of said at least two sets.

16. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:
storing said combination of said at least two sets.

17. A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for displaying clips and comprising the steps of:

receiving at least two sets of an annotation and related content;

filtering said at least two sets;

combining the output of said filtering step;

displaying a combination of said filtering step.

18. The computer-readable medium according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

storing said combination of said at least two sets.

19. A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for storing and accessing clips and comprising the steps of:

receiving data regarding a first annotation and data regarding a second annotation;

storing at least one of context information with said first and second annotation data or a link to context information with said first and second annotation data in a storage;

storing associations regarding one or more applications from which said first annotation and second annotation originate,

wherein selection of one of said annotations accesses said one or more applications to display said annotations.

20. A computer-readable medium having a data structure stored thereon, said data structure comprising:

a first field storing information relating to context information;

a second field storing information relating to an annotation that adds information to said context information;

a third field storing a link to a document related to said context information, such that activation of said link opens said document.